

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A shredding apparatus comprising:

a transport path that transports an image display member including paper through the shredding apparatus;

a sensing unit that senses as to whether the paper entering into the shredding apparatus has an electronic data storage device attached thereto;

a data destroy process unit, provided along the transport path, that destroys electronic data stored in the electronic data storage device as the paper passes thereby along the transport path;

a control unit that controls the data destroy process unit to destroy the electronic data stored in the electronic data storage device of entered paper if the sensing unit senses that the entered paper has the electronic data storage device attached thereto; and

a shredding process unit, provided along the same transport path, that shreds the entered paper.

2. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the shredding process unit shreds the paper to make an image displayed on the image display member visibly unrecognizable.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data destroy process unit destroys the data in the electronic data storage device by applying at least one of electric field and magnetic field to the electronic data storage device.

5. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the data destroy process unit destroys the electronic data storage device physically.

6. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an insertion port from which the image display member is inserted into the shredding apparatus, wherein:

the data destroy process unit is disposed closer to the insertion port than the shredding process unit.

7. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the shredding process unit shreds the paper after applying the at least one of the electric field and the magnetic field to the electronic data storage device.

8. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the data destroy process unit applies voltage to the electronic data storage device to destroy the electronic data storage device and the data.

9. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data destroy process unit applies an electromagnetic wave to the electronic data storage device to overwrite another data into the electronic data storage device so that the data stored in the electronic data storage device is destroyed.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display member sensing unit that senses presence of the image display member; and

a control unit for controlling at least one of the data destroy process unit and the shredding process unit to perform each operation when the display member sensing unit senses the image display member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electronic data storage device comprises a semiconductor device.

14. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the semiconductor device comprises an IC chip.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A shredding apparatus for shredding an image display device having an electronic data storage device attached thereto, comprising:

a transport path that transports the image display device through the shredding apparatus;

a display member sensing unit that senses presence of the image display device;

a sensing unit that senses as to whether the image display device, which is sensed by the display member sensing unit, has the electronic data storage device attached thereto;

a control unit that controls a data destroy process unit to destroy electronic data stored in the electronic data storage device if the sensing unit senses that the entered image display device has the electronic data storage device attached thereto;

a data destroy process unit, provided along the transport path, that destroys the electronic data stored in the electronic data storage device of the image display device passing thereby, by applying at least one of electric field and magnetic field to the electronic data storage device; and

a shredding process unit, provided along the same transport path, that physically shreds the image display device.

17. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the shredding process unit is downstream from the data destroying process unit along the transport path of the shredding apparatus.

18. (Previously Presented) The shredding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the shredding process unit is downstream from the data destroying process unit along the transport path of the shredding apparatus.

19. (Canceled)